

# Admission Regulations

## for the Master's programme in Economics (MEcon)

of 9 December 2014 (with amendments of 22 June 2018)

Pursuant to Art. 70(1) in conjunction with Art. 93(1)(c) of the University Statutes (Consolidated Statute Book of the Canton of St.Gallen No. 217.15; US), the Examination Regulations of the Master's and Bachelor's Levels, and as a complement to the Regulations governing the admission of applicants with a foreign secondary school leaving certificate to the University of St.Gallen,

the Senate Committee of the University of St.Gallen hereby issues the following Regulations<sup>1</sup>:

### I. Scope of application

Art. 1. <sup>1</sup>These Regulations shall govern admission to the Master's programme in Economics (MEcon).

Scope of application

<sup>2</sup>The criteria to be satisfied for admission shall be applicable to all applicants.

### II. Admission criteria

Art. 2. <sup>1</sup>Pursuant to Arts. 7 ff. of the Examination Regulations for the Master's Level, applicants may be admitted to the Master's programme in Economics (MEcon) if they

General admission criteria

- a) hold a degree from the University of St.Gallen (HSG);
- b) hold a recognised Master's degree (or an equivalent degree);
- c) hold a recognised university degree in a similar major with a minimum of 180 ECTS credits. A degree from another university shall be considered to be in a similar major if a minimum of 60 ECTS credits has been earned in Economics.

<sup>2</sup>Graduates with Bachelor's or Master's degrees from *Fachhochschulen* and *pädagogische Hochschulen* shall not be admitted.

Art. 3. <sup>1</sup>In addition to the criteria laid down in the Examination Regulations for the Master's Level, the following criteria shall be applicable:

Additional admission criteria

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Art. 123 US, only the German version of these Regulations shall be legally binding.

- a) Application documents shall be submitted formally correctly and in due time.
- b) Evidence of proficiency in English in accordance with the implementation provisions concerning “Languages”.
- c) Applicants with foreign university entrance qualifications shall also be subject to the implementation provisions concerning “Admission of applicants with a foreign secondary school leaving certificate or an equivalent qualification for university entrance (Bachelor’s/Master’s courses)”.

### III. Admission conditions

Art. 4. <sup>1</sup>On admission to a Master’s programme, the award of a Master’s degree may be made contingent upon the satisfaction of the following admission conditions:

Admission conditions

- a) evidence of admission conditions in accordance with Art. 5;
- b) evidence of proficiency in a foreign language in accordance with the implementation provisions concerning “Languages”;
- c) evidence of an adequate knowledge of accountancy in accordance with the implementation provisions concerning “Adequate knowledge of accountancy”.

Art. 5. <sup>1</sup>The following shall be applicable to applicants who have been admitted:

Determination of admission conditions

- a) Admitted applicants with at least one university degree in a similar major from another university shall complete the programme-specific integration week in accordance with Appendix para A.1.
- b) Admitted applicants with a Master’s degree in a different major from another university shall complete the Master’s preparatory level in accordance with Appendix para. 2. External course work and examination results cannot be credited.
- c) Admitted applicants of the HSG who do not hold a Bachelor’s degree in Economics (change of majors/programmes) or hold a Master’s degree in a different major and thus change majors/programmes shall complete the Master’s preparatory levels in accordance with Appendix para. 2. Internal course work and examination results may be credited.

Art. 6.<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Depending on the qualification (degree), the completion of the integration week is contingent on examinations.

Successful completion of the integration week

<sup>2</sup>The following shall be applicable to admitted applicants who have to complete the integration week with examinations:

- a) The average of the results to be achieved must amount to a minimum of 4.00.
- b) The work to be done during the integration week can only be repeated in its entirety and once.

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<sup>2</sup> Amendments by the Senate Committee on October, 25 2016.

- c) Applicants who fail the integration week for the second time shall not be permitted to continue their studies in the Master's programme they have chosen. They may apply for a second Master's programme (in accordance with Art. 42 of the Examination Regulations for the Master's Level) unless this second programme stipulates the same admission conditions.

<sup>3</sup>Applicants who fail to complete the integration week successfully within the first semester shall not be permitted to continue their studies. This shall also apply if they were unable to complete the integration week owing to valid reasons such as illness or an accident.

<sup>4</sup>The Dean of Studies shall issue guidelines for the integration week.

<sup>5</sup>The programme-specific integration week shall take place once a year before the beginning of the Autumn Semester.

Art. 7. <sup>1</sup>Successful completion of the Master's preparatory level in accordance with Appendix para. A.2 shall basically be governed by the conditions pursuant to Arts. 36 ff. of the Examination Regulations for the Master's Level.

Successful completion of the Master's preparatory level

<sup>2</sup>Applicants have completed the Master's preparatory level successfully if

- a) they are able to provide evidence of the ECTS credits in Appendix para A.2;
- b) their graded and weighted ECTS credits yield a minimum average of 4.00;
- c) they are not awarded more than 9 negative weighted credit points in total;<sup>3</sup> and
- d) they are able to provide any necessary evidence of proficiency in a foreign language and of adequate knowledge of accountancy in accordance with Arts. 4(1)(b) and (c).

<sup>3</sup>Students shall only be able to start the Master's programme if they have satisfied the criteria pursuant to letters a)-c); they shall be able to provide the evidence in accordance with letter d) by the end of their studies at the Master's Level.

<sup>4</sup>Examination parts with unsatisfactory results cannot be repeated in the same attempt at the Master's preparatory level.

<sup>5</sup>Applicants who fail the Master's preparatory level as a whole shall repeat the examination parts of the core subjects in which they were not awarded a grade of at least 4.0; core electives in which applicants have not been awarded a grade of at least 4.0 can either be repeated or replaced by other corresponding core electives.

<sup>5</sup>Subjects which applicants have passed cannot be repeated and are credited.

<sup>7</sup>Applicants who fail the Master's preparatory level at the second attempt shall not be permitted to start their studies at the Master's Level in the major they have chosen (except specialised Master's programmes).

<sup>8</sup>Applicants who fail to satisfy the admission conditions of a second Master's programme at the second attempt or who waive the second attempt shall not be permitted to continue their studies at the Master's Level at the University of St.Gallen.

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<sup>3</sup> Resolution of the Senate Committee of 22 June 2018; in force as from 1 August 2019.

Art. 8. <sup>1</sup>Admitted applicants who on admission to an English-language programme do not have a command of German may be offered special examinations if no English-language course is on offer. These examinations need not be related to any specific course.

Language-related exception

#### **IV. Commencement of studies**

Art. 9. <sup>1</sup>Students with a degree from another university can only start the Master's programme in Economics (MEcon) in an autumn semester.

Commencement of studies

#### **V. Final provisions**

Art. 10. <sup>1</sup>These Regulations shall be applicable to students who want to start their studies in a Master's programme in Economics from Autumn Semester 2015.

Effectiveness

<sup>2</sup>These Regulations shall be put into effect as from 1 February 2015 and replace the provisions of the document entitled "Requirements for admission to a degree course at the Master's Level and for a changeover from an undergraduate major to a different Master's programme (7th revision)".

Art. 11. <sup>1</sup>The Dean of Studies shall issue transitional regulations for students who were admitted to studies at the Master's Level subject to admission conditions before the academic year of 2015/16.

Transitional regulations

## Appendix: Range of subjects for admission conditions

### A.1. Integration week

The integration week is organised by the University's Subject Group and combines work from the various subject areas.

### A.2. Master's preparatory level

The Master's preparatory level consists of the following subjects:

– Macroeconomics II	4 credits
– Microeconomics II	4 credits
– Macroeconomics III	6 credits
– Microeconomics III	6 credits
– Data Analytics I: Statistics (VWL)	6 Credits <sup>4</sup>
– Data Analytics II: Empirical Economic Research	6 Credits <sup>5</sup>
– Accounting, Controlling, Auditing	4 Credits <sup>6</sup>
– Core elective, Economics	18 credits
<b>Total</b>	<b>54 credits<sup>7</sup></b>

Students of the University of St.Gallen who change majors do not have to attend the core elective Economics to earn 18 credits. Pursuant to Art. 7(2)(c), they must not be awarded more than 6 negative weighted credit points.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Resolution of the Senate Committee of 22 June 2018; in force as from 1 August 2019.

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<sup>6</sup> Resolution of the Senate Committee of 22 June 2018; in force as from 1 August 2019.

<sup>7</sup> Resolution of the Senate Committee of 22 June 2018; in force as from 1 August 2019.

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